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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant is pleased to note that claim 1 and dependent claims thereof are allowed.

Claims 2, 3, 6/2, 6/3, 9/2, 10/9/2, 11/2, 12/2, 16/2, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Novis (U.S. Patent No. 5,867,795). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 2 is patentable over Novis at least because it recites a portable image display comprising, *inter alia*, a prism portion and a reflecting portion having a reflecting surface wherein said prism portion is received in a body of said portable image display and wherein said reflecting portion is held by a frame member which is independent of said body. In other words, claim 2 clearly recites, *inter alia*, two different structures (a prism portion and a reflecting portion) that are received in two separate units (a frame and a body). Novis does not teach or suggest a device including at least these features. Therefore, Novis does not describe each and every feature recited by claim 2 and, as a result, cannot anticipate this claim.

In contrast to the portable image display recited by claim 2, Novis discloses a portable electronic device 10 including a portable housing 11, which is composed of a base component 12 and an attached flipper component 13. (See FIG. 1 and col. 3, lines 25-34) Novis also discloses that housing 11 has a visual display 20 mounted therein for providing a visual image. (See col. 3, lines 46-47) Novis further discloses that the visual display includes a prism portion, an optical lens and a lower power lens. (See FIG. 11 and col. 8, line 31 – col. 9, line 64) Novis makes no mention, however, of a reflecting portion having a reflecting surface.

It is respectfully submitted that, contrary to what is stated in the Office Action, the reflective surface 75, in Novis, cannot be considered as a reflecting portion (as claimed in claim 2 of the present application). This is so because reflective surface 75 is part of the prism 70. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Novis does not teach or suggest two different structures (a prism portion and a reflecting portion) that are received in two separate units (a frame and a body). It is also respectfully submitted that examples of a reflecting portion and a prism portion can be found throughout the specification and the drawings of the present patent application. The Examiner's attention is directed, for example, to pp.16-17

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and FIG. 8 which describe an example of a reflecting portion (element 2b) and a prism portion (element 10) according to an embodiment of the invention.

Claims 6/2, 9/2, 10/9/2, 11/2, 12/2, 16/2 and 17 are patentable by virtue of their dependency from claim 2 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 3 is patentable over Novis at least because it recites a portable image display comprising, *inter alia*, an image display device and an image pickup device. In other words, claim 3 clearly recites, *inter alia*, two different structures: an image display device and an image pickup device. Novis does not teach or suggest a device including at least an image pickup device. Therefore, Novis does not describe each and every feature recited by claim 3 and, as a result, cannot anticipate this claim.

As mentioned previously, in contrast to the device recited by claim 3, Novis discloses a portable electronic device 10 including a portable housing 11, which is composed of a base component 12 and an attached flipper component 13. (See FIG. 1 and col. 3, lines 25-34) Novis also discloses that housing 11 has a visual display 20 mounted therein for providing a visual image. (See col. 3, lines 46-47) Novis makes no mention, however, of an image pickup element.

It is also respectfully submitted that, contrary to what is stated in the Office Action, element 20, in Novis, is not an image pickup element. As clearly explained in the specification, an image pickup device is a device configured to capture an image such as, for example, a CCD camera. Instead, element 20 (which appears to correspond to the image display device in claim 3) is an image display or display unit that is configured to display an image. (See col. 3, line 46 – col. 4, line 3) Therefore, an image display device and an image pickup device are two separate devices that are configured to perform different functions. Examples of an image pickup device and an image display device can be found throughout the specification and the drawings of the present patent application. The Examiner's attention is directed, for example, to p. 18 and FIG. 9, which describe an example of an image pickup optical system (element 41), according to an embodiment of the invention. In this embodiment of the invention, the portable image display includes an image display device (element 2) and an image pickup optical system (element 41), which include an image pickup lens that has a generally positive refracting power and a CCD or other image pickup device. (See p. 18, lines 13-22)

Claim 6/3 is patentable by virtue of its dependency from claim 3 and for the additional features recited therein.

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Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6/2, 6/3, 9/2, 10/9/2, 11/2, 12/2, 16/2, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection has been addressed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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